

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 25th May 2014**

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## **ComReg 5 Year Amateur Radio Licence Notification**

### **Process**

In June 2009 ComReg introduced a new Amateur Station Licensing scheme under the Wireless Telegraphy (Amateur Station Licence) Regulations 2009. Under this scheme Amateur Station licences are granted for the lifetime of the licensee with a condition that the licensee make a return to ComReg each and every five years to confirm whether the details of the licence are correct.

As such, starting next month, ComReg will commence notifying any licensees who have held their licences for 5 years, that licence detail confirmation is required and informing them how to comply with this licence condition.

Correspondence will issue approximately 2 months before the anniversary of the issue of the licence with the exception of licences issued in June and July 2009 where correspondence will issue immediately.

Correspondence will issue via email for those who have registered an email address with ComReg and by post for all others. The correspondence will provide detailed instructions to each licensee on how to make their returns which must be done via ComReg's licensing website and as such will require all licensees to provide a valid email address.

All queries in relation to this process should be sent to [licensing/at/comreg/dot/ie](mailto:licensing/at/comreg/dot/ie).

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## **40 Metres Counties Contest**

The first 40 metres EI/GI counties contest was held on Sunday 18th May. Band conditions were favourable, with good local propagation, especially during the second half of the contest. Quite a few club stations were on the air - we heard Shannon Basin Radio Club, Avondhu Radio Club, Kerry Amateur Radio Group, Mayo Radio Experimenters Network and Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, all operating from portable locations; South Dublin Radio Club was also on the air, from a fixed location. While activity in the SSB part of the band was reasonable for most of the time, just a handful of stations ventured into the CW segment.

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## **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club took part in the first IRTS 40M Counties Contest on Sunday 18th May. The Club operated from the grounds of Garbally College (Thanks to the College for letting the Club use the grounds) in Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. The Zepp antenna was strung between two trees and fed into an Icom IC7400 located in the luxurious surroundings of Tonys (EI3HA) camper van where tea and other refreshments was plentiful. The club operated in both SSB and CW, although CW QSOs were sadly few and far between. Altogether, a good day was had by all and we look forward to the CW Field day.

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## **IRTS CW Field Day**

The IRTS CW Field Day Contest takes place on June 7th/8th next. The deadline for the completion of logs is fourteen days from the end of the contest and no later than June 22nd 2014. Full details available from [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests)

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## **IRTS Publications**

The IRTS publications are only as good as the contributors; the information, material received for publication. All members are invited to get those fingers typing and those cameras clicking to produce material for both EI-News and Echo Ireland.

Are you organizing radio theory classes? Do you have amateur radio items for sale? Let the IRTS newsteam know by emailing [newsteam@irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie)

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## **International Museums Weekend IMW**

The 2014 IMW will take place on the two weekends of the 14th/15th and 21st/22nd June. More details about the event, its history and how to register to take part can be found at [www.radio-amateur-events.org/](http://www.radio-amateur-events.org/)

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The May meeting of SEARG will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Waterford on May 26th at 2000. Everyone welcome and new members especially welcome. Follow us on Facebook and on Twitter. [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com)

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## **DX News**

A number of United States operators will be active from Aruba from 29 May until 4 June. Calls to look out for are P40DM, P40TX, P40DL and P40LW. QSLs will go via their home calls.

Pasi OH3WS will operate from the Aland Islands as OH0/OH3WS from 31 May – 1 June. He then travels to Market Reef where he will use the call OJ0W from 2 – 7 June. QSLs for both calls go via OH3WS.

Shoji JA7MHZ makes a return trip to Pohnpei Island in Micronesia from 30 May – 5 June. As before he will use the callsign V63DX and QSLs go via his home call.

GPDX – the Portuguese DX Group are celebrating their 20th Anniversary and will be active until 20 June using the callsign CS5DX. Over the years they have been active from many Portuguese islands as well as some in Asia and South America.

Go to [www.irts.ie/dxcc](http://www.irts.ie/dxcc) for full details of current DXCC scores and recent movers.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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